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QUIZ: What is your magical element?

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THE CHALLENGE OF PHOBOS

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Meridian. This city tasted the wrath of Phobos a few moments ago.
The Prince of Metamoor forced his subjects to peer into the depths of his black heart...
...and what they saw within was pure terror.
Phobos' heart is a dark abyss where every sound is an endless, ominous echo.
THOOM THOOM THOOM
KWOOOOM

FWOOOM
FWOOOM
FWOOOM

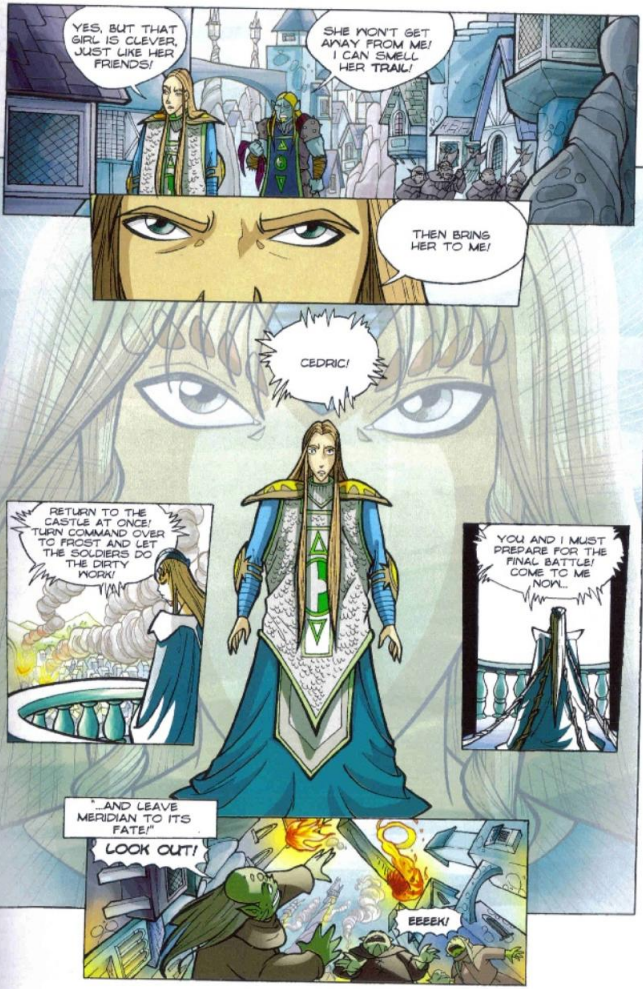
KEEP MOVING! SEARCH EVERYWHERE!
KRAAK

COME ON, MEN! I WANT THOSE REBELS TRACKED DOWN, WHATEVER IT TAKES!

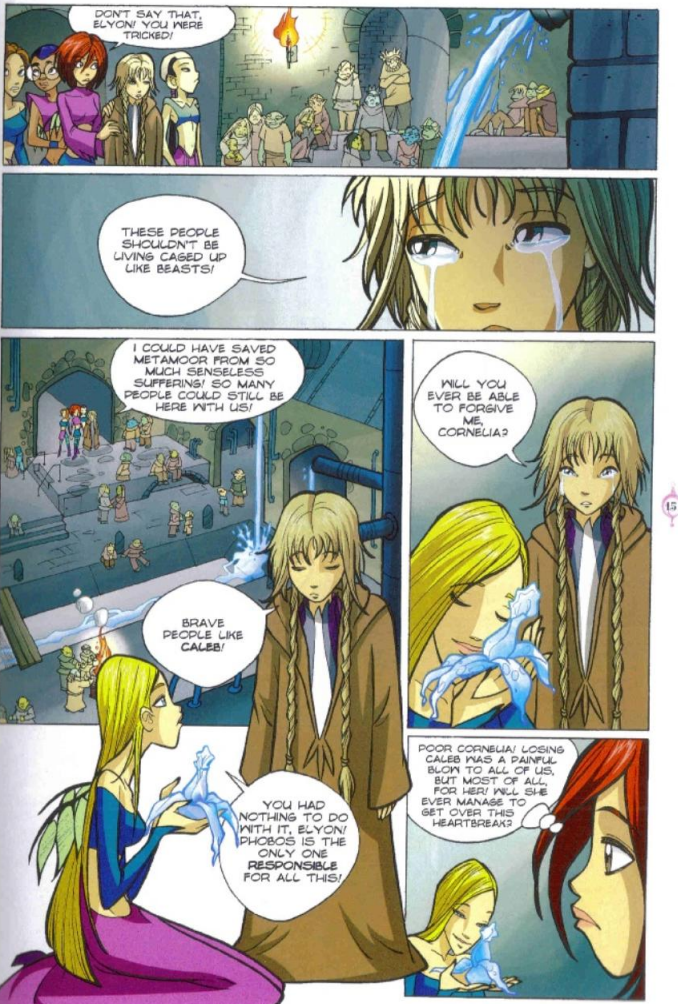
DO WHAT YOU WILL, BUT REMEMBER... NOT A HAIR ON PRINCESS ELYON'S HEAD IS TO BE HARMED!

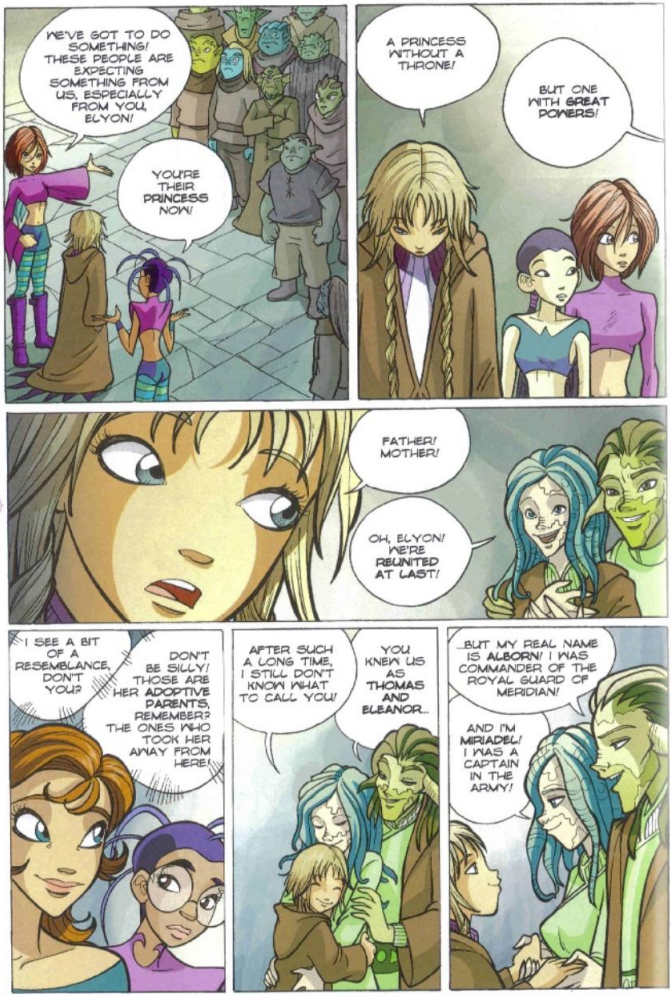
THIS IS THE HEM OF THE PRINCESS' GOWN! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND HER?
I'M THE FINEST HUNTER IN THE LAND, LORD CEDRIC!

FROST!


YES, BUT THAT GIRL IS CLEVER, JUST LIKE HER FRIENDS!
SHE WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME! I CAN SMELL HER TRAIL!
THEN BRING HER TO ME!
CEDRIC!
RETURN TO THE CASTLE AT ONCE! TURN COMMAND OVER TO FROST AND LET THE SOLDIERS DO THE DIRTY WORK!
YOU AND I MUST PREPARE FOR THE FINAL BATTLE! COME TO ME NOW...
"...AND LEAVE MERIDIAN TO ITS FATE!"
LOOK OUT!
EEEEK!

"THE MOMENT OF TRUTH HAS ARRIVED!"
NOOO! STOP!
WHOOOSH
THOOM THOOM THOOM
HURRY! THE ANNIHILATORS ARE COMING! WE HAVE TO GO UNDERGROUND AND CLOSE THE OPENING!
COME ON, HELP ME SHUT THIS!
COMING, VATHEK!
"WHAT A DISASTER! THOSE MEN ARE COMPLETELY DESTROYING THE CITY!
THAT'S WHAT PHOBOS HAS ALWAYS WANTED!
PUT OUT THOSE FLAMES, TARANEE! AND YOU PEOPLE, RUN FOR COVER, QUICK!
MAY THE STAR OF MERIDIAN PROTECT YOU, GIRLS!
AT THIS POINT, I'D SAY THERE ARE NO DOUBTS ABOUT YOUR BROTHER!
THIS IS MY FAULT, ALL MY FAULT!


DON'T SAY THAT, ELYON! YOU WERE TRICKED!
THESE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE LIVING CAGED UP LIKE BEASTS!
I COULD HAVE SAVED METAMOOR FROM SO MUCH SENSELESS SUFFERING! SO MANY PEOPLE COULD STILL BE HERE WITH US!
WILL YOU EVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE ME, CORNELIA?
BRAVE PEOPLE LIKE CALEB!
YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, ELYON! PHOBOS IS THE ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS!
POOR CORNELIA! LOSING CALEB WAS A PAINFUL BLOW TO ALL OF US, BUT MOST OF ALL, FOR HER! WILL SHE EVER MANAGE TO GET OVER THIS HEARTBREAK?


WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! THESE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING SOMETHING FROM US, ESPECIALLY FROM YOU, ELYON!
YOU'RE THEIR PRINCESS NOW!
A PRINCESS WITHOUT A THRONE!
BUT ONE WITH GREAT POWERS!
FATHER! MOTHER!
OH, ELYON! WE'RE REUNITED AT LAST!
I SEE A BIT OF A RESEMBLANCE, DON'T YOU?
DON'T BE SILLY! THOSE ARE HER ADOPTIVE PARENTS, REMEMBER? THE ONES WHO TOOK HER AWAY FROM HERE!
AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL YOU!
YOU KNEW US AS THOMAS AND ELEANOR...
...BUT MY REAL NAME IS ALBORN! I WAS COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARD OF MERIDIAN!
AND I'M MIRIADEL! I WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE ARMY!

THEN MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US ORGANIZE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST PHOBOS' SOLDIERS!
I DON'T KNOW HOW WE COULD EVER...
PLEASE! THESE PEOPLE ARE READY TO DO ANYTHING YOU ASK OF THEM.
WE HAVE TO FIGHT THAT TYRANT! IF WE DON'T LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD NOW...
...THEN WE WILL DESERVE BEING CONDEMNED TO ENDLESS SILENCE!
SO BE IT!
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THE KEY TO OUR ULTIMATE VICTORY LIES IN THE CROWN OF LIGHT!
IF ELYON IS TO BATTLE PHOBOS, SHE'LL NEED HER FULL POWERS!
WHICH MEANS SHE'LL HAVE TO BE WEARING THE CROWN, BUT THAT'S IN PHOBOS' CASTLE NOW!
SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? ALL WE NEED TO DO IS GO TO THE CASTLE AND TAKE IT AWAY FROM PHOBOS!
YES! TO THE CASTLE! TO THE CASTLE!
CALM DOWN, FRIENDS! I'M AFRAID IT WON'T BE SO EASY!

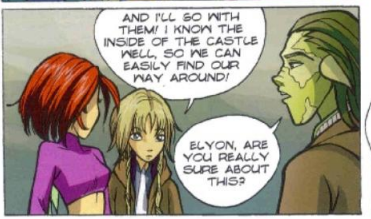
OUR ENTHUSIASM WOULD DO LITTLE AGAINST THE PRINCE'S SOLDIERS AND HIS ANNIHILATORS!
ALBORN IS RIGHT! WHAT WE NEED IS A SURPRISE ATTACK!

WELL SAID, VATHEK! WE HAVE TO SURPRISE OUR FOES IN THE STREETS OF MERIDIAN!
WE NEED TO DISTRACT AND DIVIDE THEM! IT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN BE WEAKENED!

WE'LL LURE THEM AWAY FROM THE PALACE! AND WHEN THEY'RE ALL BUSY TRACKING US DOWN...

...A SMALL GROUP WILL SNEAK INTO THE CASTLE!
THEY'RE GOING TO PUT US RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS! ACT LIKE NOTHING IS HAPPENING, HAY LIN! PRETEND YOU'RE NOT HERE!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT, ALBORN!
WHY DIDN'T SHE JUST KEEP HER BIG MOUTH SHUT?


AND I'LL GO WITH THEM! I KNOW THE INSIDE OF THE CASTLE WELL, SO WE CAN EASILY FIND OUR WAY AROUND!
ELYON, ARE YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THIS?

IT'S WHAT I WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, DAD!

THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
THE ANNIHILATORS ARE ALMOST HERE!
ONE MORE GOOD REASON TO GET GOING!
WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO IS VERY DANGEROUS, BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF! TAKE GOOD CARE OF ELYON!
YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, TOO!
WHEN I COME BACK, CARRIED TRIUMPHANTLY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE GRATEFUL PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN, I WANT TO SEE YOUR UGLY FACE IN THE FRONT ROW CHEERING FOR US, GOT IT?
PAK
RIGHT! AND JUST TO BE SURE...
...I'M ENTRUSTING YOU WITH THIS! YOU CAN GIVE IT BACK TO ME WHEN THIS WHOLE THING IS OVER!
IT'S IN EXCELLENT HANDS, CORNELIA!
GOOD LUCK, GIRLS!

"THE CROWN AWAITS YOU!"
KRRRIZZKRR
RAAAAARGH!
KZZZ-IZZK KZZZAKZ
NOTHING, BLAST IT! NOTHING IS HAPPENING!
LOOK AT IT, CEDRIC! I'VE TRIED TO DESTROY IT IN EVERY WAY IMAGINABLE, BUT IT DOESN'T EVEN BEAR A SINGLE SCRATCH!
TENG
PENG
WHY? WHY? WHY?
CLANG CLANG CLANG
WHYYYYYY?
SWIIIIIIISH

FDENG
FZNK
AH!
!
THAT'S ENOUGH, SIRE! TAKING IT OUT ON THAT CROWN WON'T HELP YOU IN ANY WAY!
NO! GIVING UP IS FOR WEAKLINGS!
DO YOU THINK I AM DEFEATED, CEDRIC?
OH, NO! I WASN'T SAYING THAT, YOUR LUMINOUS-NESS!
BUT I AM! I AM SURROUNDED BY SIGNS OF DEFEAT EVERYWHERE! LOOK AROUND YOU, AND FOR ONCE, DON'T SEE THINGS THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOWLY SERVANT!

THIS WORLD IS DYING! I CONSUMED IT AND NOW EVERYTHING IS IN RUINS!
ABSORBING MY SISTER'S POWERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE SIMPLEST VICTORY I HAVE EVER KNOWN. AND THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL!
YET, JUST AS I AM UNABLE TO BEND THIS RING OF METAL, I HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN BENDING HER WILL!
THE FAULT LIES ONLY IN THE SPELL CAST ON THE CROWN!
THE FAULT IS ALL MINE, CEDRIC! I AM GROWING WEAK! I DREW MY POWER FROM THE ENERGY OF METAMOOR, BUT I'VE USED IT ALL UP!
AND YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS, DON'T YOU?
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS, YOUR HIGHNESS!
BUT IF I AM TO FALL, I WILL DO SO WITH MY HEAD RAISED HIGH! IF I CAN'T HAVE THIS CITY, THEN IT WILL BELONG TO NO ONE!

I WILL TAKE ON ELYON FOR THE LAST TIME! THE VICTOR'S PRIZE WILL BE THIS VERY CROWN!

A CROWN THAT I NOW PLACE IN YOUR CARE!
PRINCE, I...

I KNOW! YOU'RE AFRAID YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT IT, BUT HAVE NO FEAR! I AM GOING TO TURN YOU INTO THE PERFECT GUARDIAN!

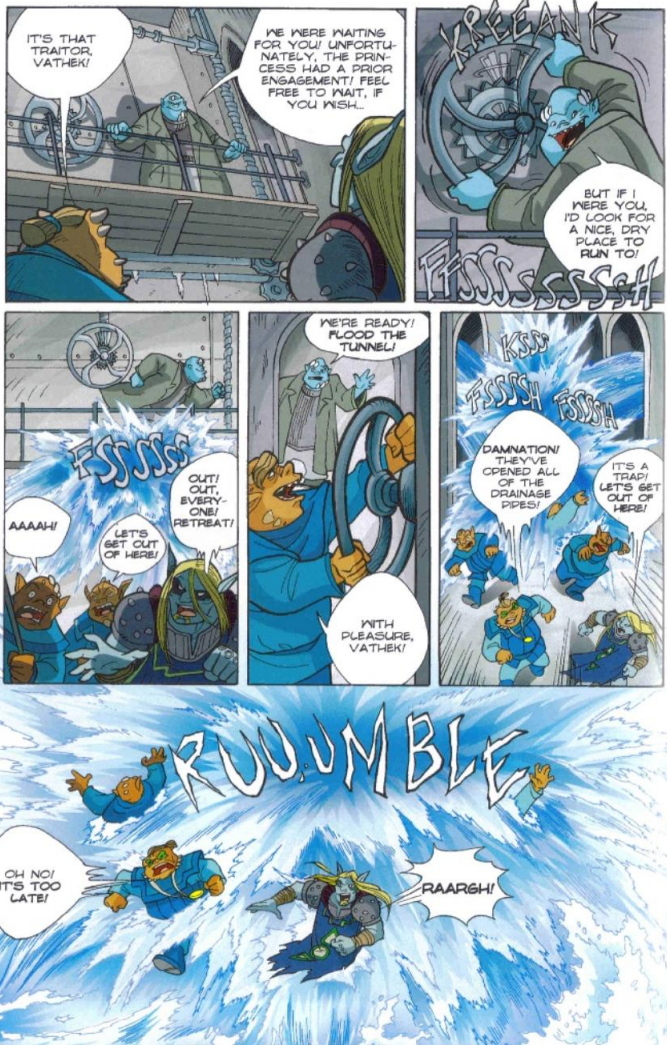
I STILL HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO PLAY THIS GAME TO THE VERY END!
AND I WILL SUPPORT YOU ALL THE WAY! WHAT IS YOUR COMMAND?

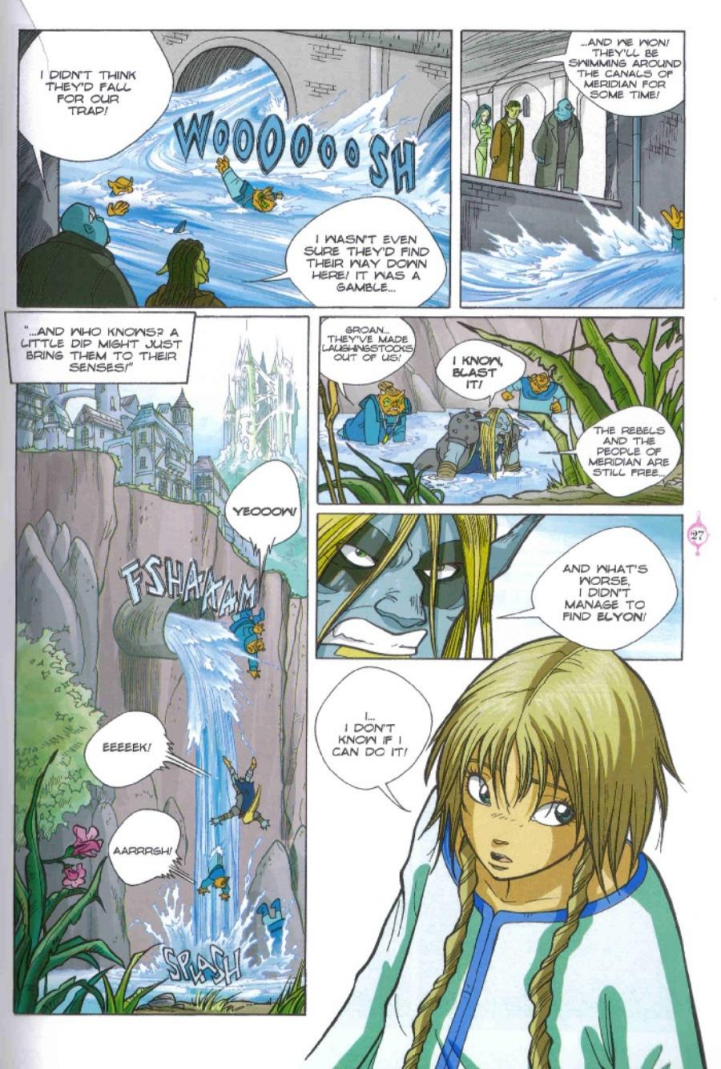
ONE MORE SMALL SACRIFICE! IF ALL GOES AS I FEEL IT WILL, YOU WILL BE HANDSOMELY REWARDED, CEDRIC!

AND, AT LONG LAST, YOU WILL BE ADMITTED INTO MY COURT OF WHISPERERS!
I FOLLOW YOUR EVERY COMMAND, YOUR HIGHNESS!

REJOICE, CEDRIC! THIS IS YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS A NEW EXISTENCE!
WI-ZZZAM
UGHH!
AHHH!
KRZ-ZZZAW
PREPARE TO BE REBORN, STRONGER AND MORE RUTHLESS!
MEANWHILE, IN THE STREETS OF MERIDIAN...
THE TIME HAS COME! I SENSE SOMETHING!
I TRULY HOPE SO! WE'VE SIFTED THROUGH EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD AND FOUND NOTHING!
FOR PHOBOS ORDERS IT SO!
RRAARGH!
KRAZZAAK
YES, THIS GOWN'S TRAIL LEADS RIGHT DOWN HERE!
OPEN THAT DRAIN COVER!
IT SEEMS I WASN'T MISTAKEN...

...LOOK AT THESE FOOTPRINTS! THIS IS THE REBELS' HIDEAWAY!
THE TRAIL IS FRESH! THEY CAN'T HAVE LEFT THIS PLACE LONG AGO, AND THE PRINCESS IS AMONG THEM!
GET GOING, MEN! HURRY!
THE GOWN...THE GOWN IS NEARBY!
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! IF ELYON IS NEARBY, SHE WON'T BE ALONE! BE READY TO...
!
HUH?
IT'S... IT'S HER GOWN!
I CAN SEE THAT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES! BUT WHERE'S THE PRINCESS? WHERE ARE THE REBELS?
UP THERE!
HEADS UP, GUYS! HERE WE ARE!


IT'S THAT TRAITOR, VATHEK!
WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU! UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRINCESS HAD A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT! FEEL FREE TO WAIT, IF YOU WISH...
KREEANK
BUT IF I WERE YOU, I'D LOOK FOR A NICE, DRY PLACE TO RUN TO!
FSSSSSSSH
FSSSSSH
AAAAH!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
OUT! OUT, EVERYONE! RETREAT!
WE'RE READY! FLOOD THE TUNNEL!
WITH PLEASURE, VATHEK!
KSSS
FSSSH
FSSSH
DAMNATION! THEY'VE OPENED ALL OF THE DRAINAGE PIPES!
IT'S A TRAP! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
RUUUMBLE
OH NO! IT'S TOO LATE!
RAARGH!

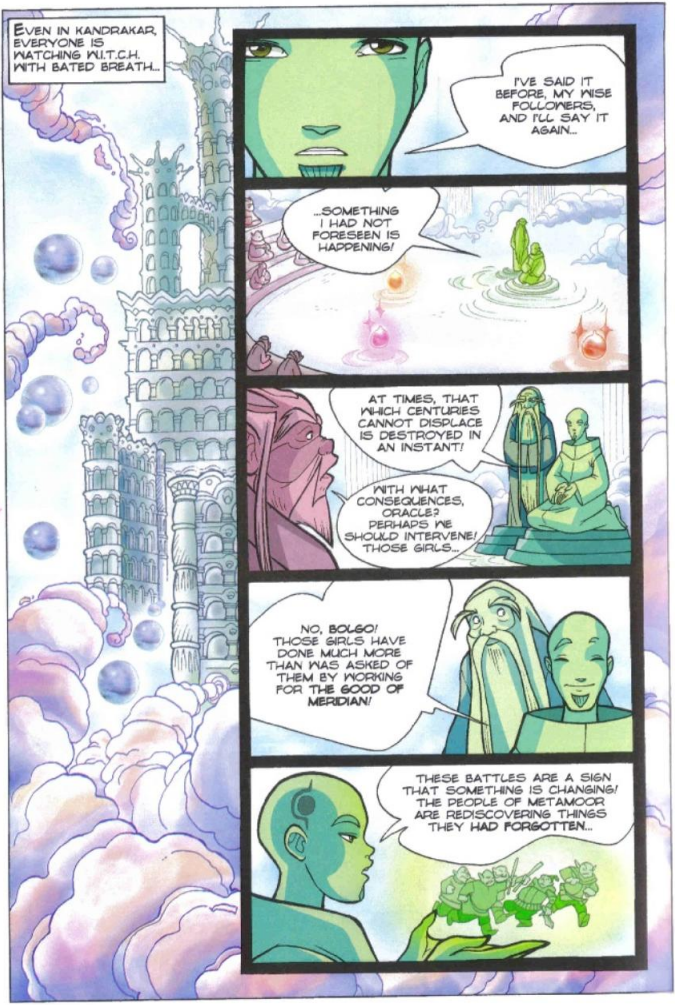

I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D FALL FOR OUR TRAP!
WOOOOOOSH
I WASN'T EVEN SURE THEY'D FIND THEIR WAY DOWN HERE! IT WAS A GAMBLE...
...AND WE WON! THEY'LL BE SWIMMING AROUND THE CANALS OF MERIDIAN FOR SOME TIME!
"...AND WHO KNOWS? A LITTLE DIP MIGHT JUST BRING THEM TO THEIR SENSES!"
YEOOOW!
FSHAAAAM
EEEEEEK!
AARRRSH!
SPLASH
GROAN... THEY'VE MADE CALISHASTOOS OUT OF US!
I KNOW, BLAST IT!
THE REBELS AND THE PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN ARE STILL FREE...
AND WHAT'S WORSE, I DIDN'T MANAGE TO FIND ELYON!
I... I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO IT!

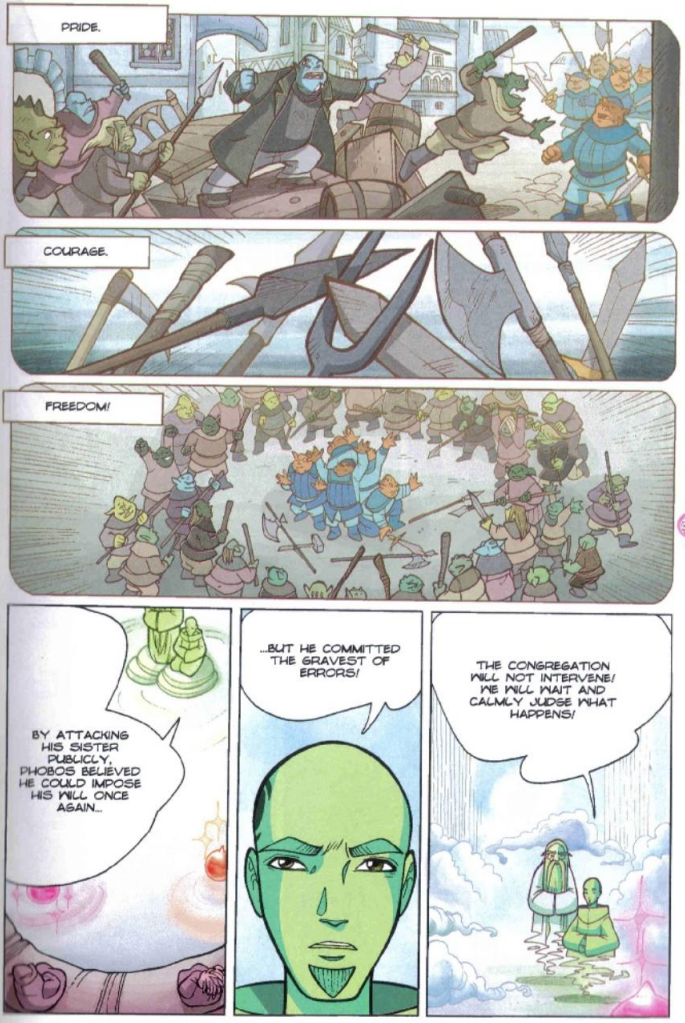
OF COURSE YOU CAN DO IT! WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE BESIDE YOU!
JUST LOOKING AT THE PALACE FROM HERE SCARES ME! I...I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO PHOBOS!
OH, COME ON! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO IN, KICK HIS BUTT, GET THE CROWN BACK, AND COME OUT AGAIN!
AND WE'RE ALL SET TO GO! WE CAN TAKE THE PRINCE BY SURPRISE!
I BET HE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN OVER THE SHOCK HE HAD AT THE CORONATION!
YEAH! USING BLYON'S ASTRAL DROP WAS A FINE TRICK!
IT WAS A GREAT IDEA! CONVINCED THAT I WAS IN FRONT OF HIM, HE TOOK OFF HIS MASK...
...AND FROM THE LOOKS OF HIM, I DON'T THINK HE LIKED OUR LITTLE TRICK VERY MUCH!
HE'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU! YOU RUINED HIS HORRIBLE LITTLE SHOW!
THAT? HORRIBLE? YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE PLAY HAY UN PUT ON FOR CHRISTMAS!
IT WAS SO AWFUL THAT AT THE END, THE AUDIENCE DIDN'T THROW NORMAL EGGS...THEY THREW OSTRICH EGGS!
HA! HA! HA!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
HUH?
?

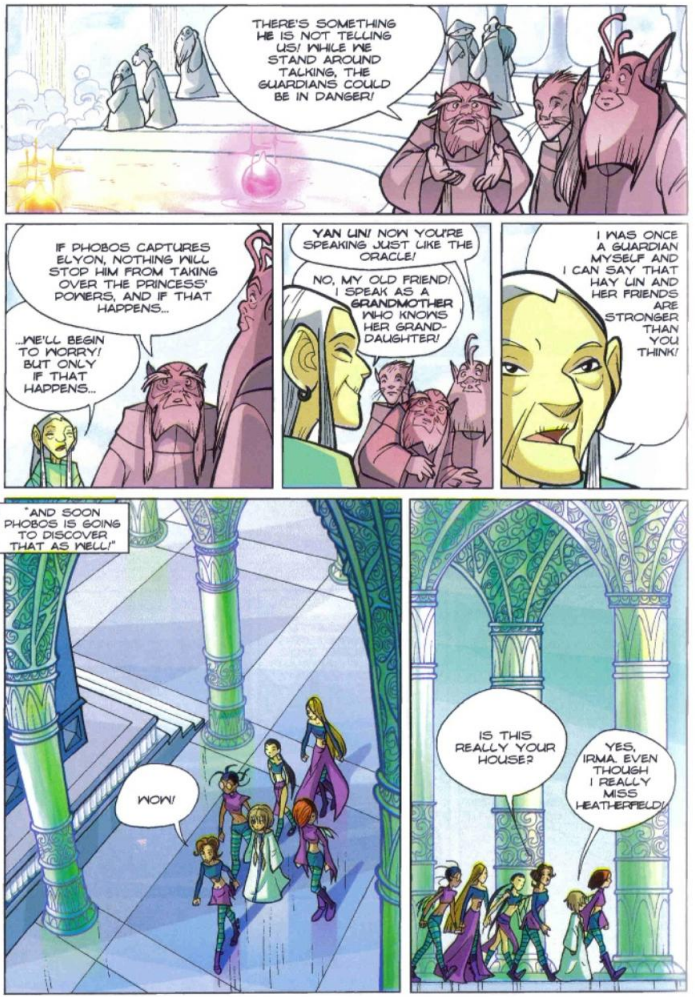
THIS IS NO TIME FOR KIDDING AROUND, IRMA! WE STILL HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH PHOBOS!
HEY! I WAS JUST TRYING TO LIGHTEN THINGS UP A BIT!
HOLD IT, GUYS!
?!
LIGHTEN THINGS UP? WHY CAN'T YOU JUST BE SERIOUS FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE?
NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME, BIG MOUTH! I...
IRMA WAS JUST TRYING TO ENCOURAGE US, CORNELIA! YOU KNOW SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE MEAN TO ANYONE...
PLEASE, WILL! THERE'S NO NEED TO BE THE TEACHER OR ANYTHING...DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD!
WE'RE HERE TO DEFEAT PHOBOS, SO LET'S GO AND DO IT! I DON'T WANT TO WAIT ONE MORE SECOND!
OKAY!
DALTAR!

HERE YOU ARE, AT LAST! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D NEVER SHOW UP! THE PRINCE CAME BACK AND HE WAS FURIOUS! NEWS OF A REVOLT HAS COME FROM THE CITY! WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?
WE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT! BUT NOW, YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THE CASTLE FOR GOOD!
PRETTY SOON, THIS PLACE WON'T BE SO SAFE!
LEAVE? NEVER! I CAN'T ABANDON MY GARDEN! AND THESE ROSES!
THEY TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT, DALTAR! EACH ONE OF THOSE ENCHANTED ROSES HOLDS A PERSON WITHIN IT!
OH, PRINCESS...
THE CRUELTY COMMITTED BY MY BROTHER MAKES ME SUFFER MORE AND MORE WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT! BUT I PROMISE YOU THAT...
LOOK OUT!
WOOOM
GASP!
CRUSH

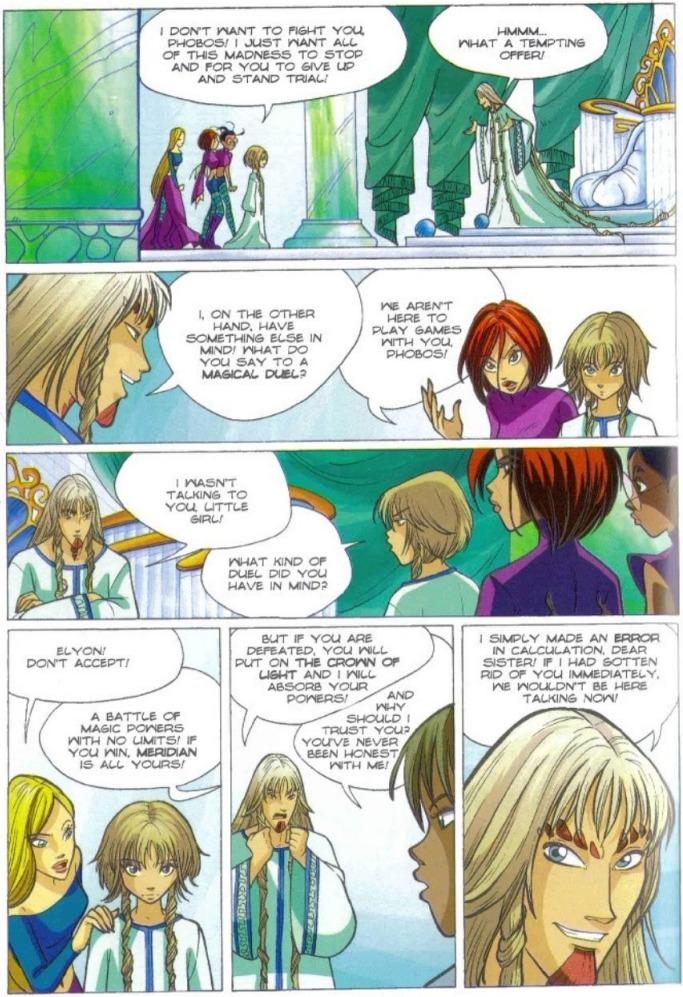
THE ANNIHILATORS!
SEVEN AGAINST TWO! IT WON'T BE A FAIR FIGHT, BUT WHO CARES?
THOOM THOOM THOOM
SAVE YOUR STRENGTH, IRMA! I'M ENOUGH FOR THE LIKES OF THEM!
FZZZ-ZZZAAK
EARTH, SWALLOW THEM UP!
KRA KOOM
SWALLOW THEM UP AND REMOVE ALL EVIL FROM THIS GARDEN!
BROOO ROOOM
SHE SCARES ME WHEN SHE GETS ANGRY!
THEN FROM NOW ON TRY NOT TO MAKE HER LOSE HER PATIENCE!
HERE THEY ARE! COME IN, LADIES! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU...


EVEN IN KANDRAKAR, EVERYONE IS WATCHING W.I.T.C.H. WITH BATED BREATH...
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, MY WISE FOLLOWERS, AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN...
...SOMETHING I HAD NOT FORESEEN IS HAPPENING!
AT TIMES, THAT WHICH CENTURIES CANNOT DISPLACE IS DESTROYED IN AN INSTANT!
WITH WHAT CONSEQUENCES, ORACLE? PERHAPS WE SHOULD INTERVENE! THOSE GIRLS...
NO, BOLGO! THOSE GIRLS HAVE DONE MUCH MORE THAN WAS ASKED OF THEM BY WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF MERIDIAN!
THESE BATTLES ARE A SIGN THAT SOMETHING IS CHANGING! THE PEOPLE OF METAMOOR ARE REDISCOVERING THINGS THEY HAD FORGOTTEN...


PRIDE.
COURAGE.
FREEDOM!
BY ATTACKING HIS SISTER PUBLICLY, PHOBOS BELIEVED HE COULD IMPOSE HIS WILL ONCE AGAIN...
...BUT HE COMMITTED THE GRAVEST OF ERRORS!
THE CONGREGATION WILL NOT INTERVENE! WE WILL WAIT AND CALMLY JUDGE WHAT HAPPENS!

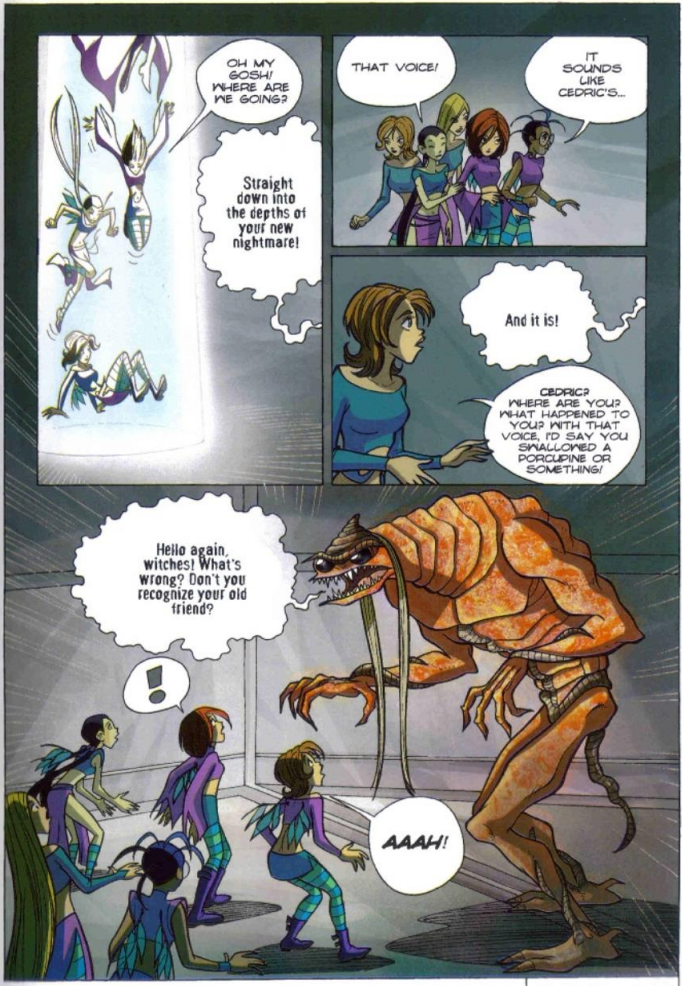

THERE'S SOMETHING HE IS NOT TELLING US! WHILE WE STAND AROUND TALKING, THE GUARDIANS COULD BE IN DANGER!
IF PHOBOS CAPTURES ELYON, NOTHING WILL STOP HIM FROM TAKING OVER THE PRINCESS' POWERS, AND IF THAT HAPPENS...
...WE'LL BEGIN TO WORRY! BUT ONLY IF THAT HAPPENS...
YAN LIN! NOW YOU'RE SPEAKING JUST LIKE THE ORACLE!
NO, MY OLD FRIEND! I SPEAK AS A GRANDMOTHER WHO KNOWS HER GRAND-DAUGHTER!
I WAS ONCE A GUARDIAN MYSELF AND I CAN SAY THAT HAY LIN AND HER FRIENDS ARE STRONGER THAN YOU THINK!
"AND SOON PHOBOS IS GOING TO DISCOVER THAT AS WELL!"
WOW!
IS THIS REALLY YOUR HOUSE?
YES, IRMA. EVEN THOUGH I REALLY MISS HEATHERFIELD!

NO PROBLEM! IF YOU WANT, WE CAN SWAP! AS SOON AS I GET BACK, I'LL TRY TO CONVINCE MY FOLKS, AND...
SHHH! LISTEN!
WHAT? I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING... EXCEPT FOR A CREEPY SILENCE!
EVEN SO... THERE'S SOME SORT OF VIBRATION COMING FROM THAT HALL AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS!
THAT'S THE THRONE HALL!
GOOD! LET'S KEEP OUR EYES PEELED AND MOVE QUIETLY!
ELYON
ELYON
!
HERE I AM, PHOBOS.
HERE SHE IS, THE HEIR TO THE THRONE! THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, ISN'T IT? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? TAKE IT! IT'S YOURS!


I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, PHOBOS! I JUST WANT ALL OF THIS MADNESS TO STOP AND FOR YOU TO GIVE UP AND STAND TRIAL!
HMMM... WHAT A TEMPTING OFFER!
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A MAGICAL DUEL?
WE AREN'T HERE TO PLAY GAMES WITH YOU, PHOBOS!
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, LITTLE GIRL!
WHAT KIND OF DUEL DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?
ELYON! DON'T ACCEPT!
A BATTLE OF MAGIC POWERS WITH NO LIMITS! IF YOU WIN, MERIDIAN IS ALL YOURS!
BUT IF YOU ARE DEFEATED, YOU WILL PUT ON THE CROWN OF LIGHT AND I WILL ABSORB YOUR POWERS!
AND WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU? YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HONEST WITH ME!
I SIMPLY MADE AN ERROR IN CALCULATION, DEAR SISTER! IF I HAD SOTTEN RID OF YOU IMMEDIATELY, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TALKING NOW!

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE, AND THIS IS A CHALLENGE YOU CAN WIN! MY POWERS ARE GROWING WEAKER...
WHILE YOUR POWER IS STILL UNTAPPED AND READY TO EXPLODE! RIGHT NOW, ELYON, WE'RE EVEN!
I'M OFFERING YOU THE POSSIBILITY TO RISE TO THE THRONE, HAILED AS THE SAVIOR OF METAMOOR!
THE GIRL WHO SAVED MERIDIAN! ITS VERY LIGHT! THE ONE AND ONLY!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, ELYON!
SO BE IT! AND WHEN YOU'RE DEFEATED YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE!
AH! A PROUD FIGHTER! THAT'S THE ELYON I KNOW!
WILL! WE CAN'T JUST LET HER FIGHT HIM!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, WE'LL ATTACK PHOBOS ALL TOGETHER! READY?

NOW!
KA-ZAM
POOR FOOLISH GIRLS!
OOOH!
BDUMP
AH!
THIS BATTLE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU! IT'S A FAMILY MATTER SO GET LOST!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? WE'RE BEING SUCKED DOWN INTO...
AN OLD FRIEND IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS... IN THE ABYSS OF SHADOWS!
WZZZ-ZZZZ
ELYON!
CORNELIA! GUYS!


OH MY GOSH! WHERE ARE WE GOING?
Straight down into the depths of your new nightmare!
THAT VOICE!
IT SOUNDS LIKE CEDRIC'S...
And it is!
CEDRIC? WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WITH THAT VOICE, I'D SAY YOU SWALLOWED A PORCUPINE OR SOMETHING!
Hello again, witches! What's wrong? Don't you recognize your old friend?
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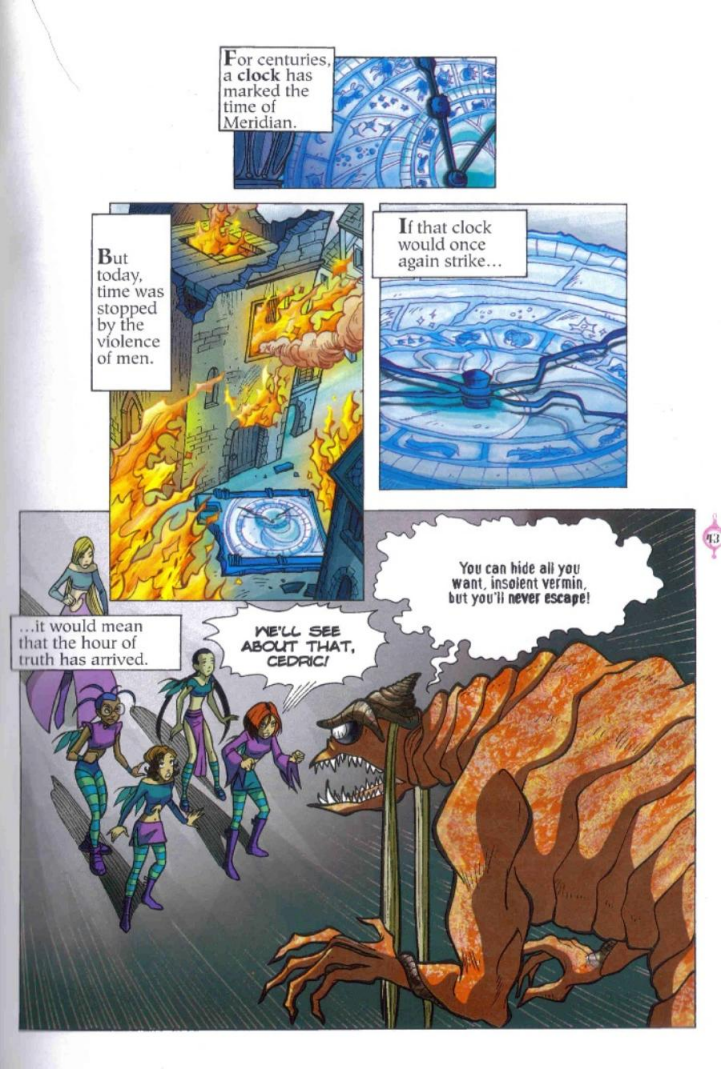
AAAH!

End of Part One.

"What was created in unity will be whole once again!"


For centuries, a clock has marked the time of Meridian.
But today, time was stopped by the violence of men.
If that clock would once again strike...
...it would mean that the hour of truth has arrived.
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, CEDRIC!
You can hide all you want, insolent vermin, but you'll never escape!

Is that a challenge, little Will? If so, it's a mistake you'll soon regret!
AH!
TINK
Learn to fear me! Prince Phobos has made me stronger and faster!
SWIPE
OW!
RAAARGH!
WINK
EVERY TIME, THE SAME OLD LINE! WHILE HE WAS AT IT, PHOBOS COULD HAVE MADE YOU A BIT MORE ORIGINAL, TOO!
I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THE TRIM, BUT YOU DID GET RID OF MY SPLIT ENDS!
The game is over, girls!
IT'S OVER FOR YOU, CEDRIC!

Hmmph... Is that all you're capable of?
BLEAP
SHACK
HAY LIN!
Your blows don't even scratch me! I'm stronger than all of you combined!
OH, MY HEAD! THE BIG MONSTER REALLY PACKS A PUNCH AND...
NO WAY! THAT'S THE CROWN OF LIGHT!
GUYS, TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I FOUND! IT'S ELYON'S CROWN!
Don't touch that!

HUH? WHAT'S HAPPENING? THAT ECHOING VOICE SHAKING THE GROUND IS...
KROOOM
MY DEAR CEDRIC, TAKING HIS WELL-DESERVED REVENGE ON YOUR FRIENDS...
...BUT YOU AND I ALSO HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE! UNTIL THE BITTER END, DEAR SISTER!
UNTIL THE BITTER END!
I NEVER WANTED IT TO COME TO THIS, ELYON! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO MADE THINGS DIFFICULT!
K-ZASH
I ONLY OPENED MY EYES, PHOBOS! I SAW WHAT WAS OUTSIDE THIS CASTLE, AND I REALIZED THE FAULT WAS ALL YOURS!
WHAT YOU CALL MY FAULT IS AMBITION! THIS WORLD WAS BRIMMING WITH MAGICAL POWERS! I MERELY TOOK WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY MINE!
!
SHA ZASH
WITH YOUR IMMENSE POWERS I AM GOING TO DESTROY THE VEIL AND CROSS THE THRESHOLD OF MERIDIAN, READY FOR NEW CONQUESTS!
FZAP
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, DEAR BROTHER...
...BUT THERE WILL BE A FEW CHANGES TO YOUR PLANS!

IT'S USELESS TO TRY TO RESIST ME, ELYON! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE YOUR DESTINY!
MY DESTINY WAS TO RISE TO THE THRONE OF MERIDIAN! IT WAS MY RIGHT AND YOU DEFIED ME!
ZZZZZ
ZASH
VERY FUNNY! SINCE WHEN HAVE OLDER BROTHERS TAKEN ORDERS FROM LITTLE SISTERS?
SINCE NOW!
WHAAAT
BADOOM
GOOD HEAVENS!
ALBORN! THEY'RE BATTLING IN THE CASTLE!
I CAN HEAR THAT, MY FRIEND! BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!
PHOBOS' ARMY HAS BEEN DEFEATED! THAT WAS OUR BATTLE, AND WE WON IT!
THE FUTURE OF MERIDIAN NOW LIES IN THE HANDS OF THOSE GIRLS.

THAT BLOW COULD HAVE BEEN FOR YOU, PHOBOS!
HOW GENEROUS OF YOU, ELYON! YOUR KINDNESS IS TOUCHING!
LOYALTY AND COMPASSION! THESE ARE GENUINE SIGNS OF TRUE NOBILITY!
SO DO YOU GIVE UP?
YOU WOULD BE A WONDERFUL PRINCESS...
KKRRRR
IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T STUPID ENOUGH TO BE ENCHANTED BY MY WORDS!
HUH?
UHNNN!
TUNK
OUR BATTLE ENDS HERE, ELYON. AND YOU'VE LOST!

"JUST LIKE YOUR STUPID FRIENDS!"
I won't tell you this again, witch! Get away from there!
DONE DEAL, CEDRIC!
BUT DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE A LITTLE SOUVENIR BEFORE I GO?
RAAAAAARGH!
I'VE GOT IT, GUYS!
SPRONG
Rrrrr... you shouldn't have done that!
CEDRIC!
Your Highness!
ELYON HAS BEEN DEFEATED! RID YOURSELF OF THOSE LITTLE GIRLS AND BRING MY CROWN TO ME IMMEDIATELY!
I... Rrrr... at once, sire!

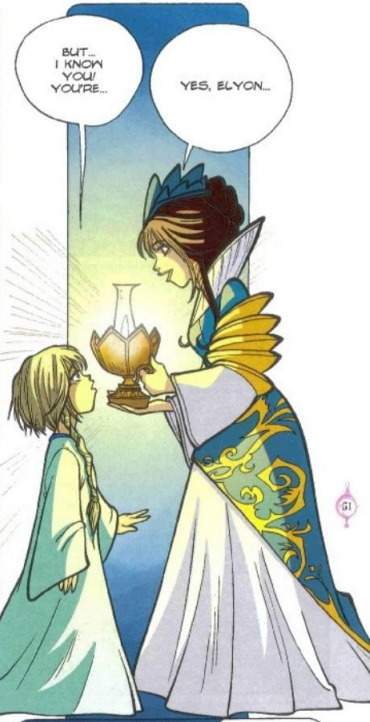
Heard that? The Prince has destroyed your friend and now you're going to join her!
IF THAT WORM HURT ELYON, I SWEAR I'LL...
CALM DOWN, CORNELIA! HE'S JUST TRYING TO SCARE US!
TARANEE! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD MANAGE TO CONTACT ELYON? WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO FIND OUT HOW SHE IS.
I'LL TRY! I'LL USE ALL OF MY TELEPATHIC POWERS!
GREAT! IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL KEEP CEDRIC OCCUPIED!
COME ON, GUYS! LET'S GIVE HIM A LESSON HE'LL NEVER FORGET!
ELYON
ELYON ELYON
ELYON, WHERE ARE YOU?
IS... IS ANYONE THERE? CAN ANYBODY HEAR ME?

THERE'S A LIGHT AHEAD! MAYBE I'M SAVED!

I'M YOUR MOTHER! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?
I BATTLED PHOBOS, BUT HE... HE TRICKED ME! HE'S EVIL.

PHOBOS IS VERY WEAK, ELYON, BUT YOU MUST HELP HIM! HE'S YOUR WHOLE FAMILY NOW!

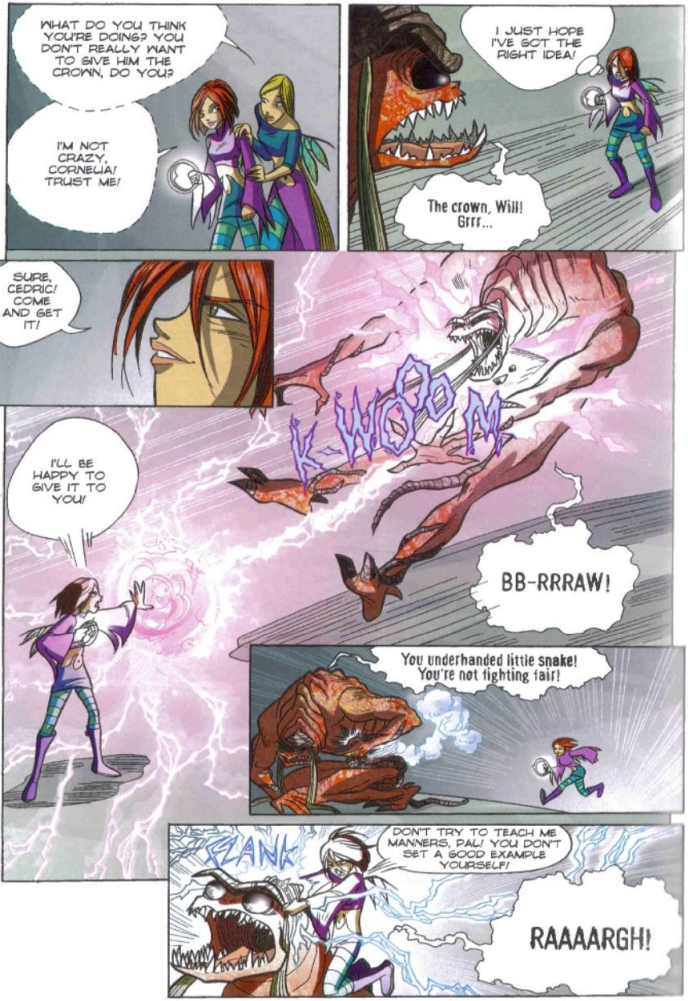
YOUR FATHER AND I WOULD LOVE TO BE BUT YOUR SIDE, MY LITTLE ONE!
I MISS YOU SO MUCH!


BUT... I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE...
YES, ELYON...

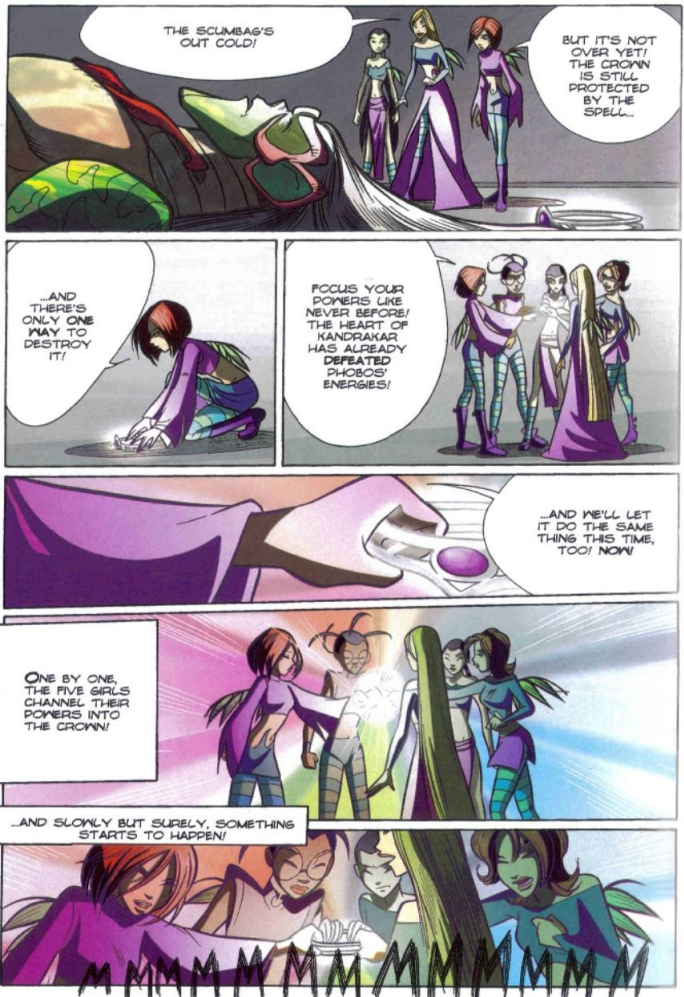
ELYON!

TARANEE! HERE I AM! TARANEE!
CAN YOU HEAR ME? ANSWER ME, ELYON!
TARANEE...
DON'T TALK! THIS IS MENTAL TELEPATHY! ANSWER BY THINKING REALLY HARD! HOW ARE YOU?
I... I'M BEING HELD PRISONER... I FAINTED, BUT I THINK I'M STILL IN ONE PIECE!
GOOD GOING! WITHOUT THAT, PHOBOS CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HARM ME!
RIGHT!
THAT'S GOOD NEWS! WE'RE BATTLING CEDRIC AND HAY LIN JUST GOT... THE CROWN OF LIGHT!
Raaargh!
LOOKS LIKE CEDRIC HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING US TAKE IT OUT OF HERE!
WELL?
EVERYTHING'S OKAY, WILL! ELYON IS PHOBOS' PRISONER! SHE FAINTED, BUT SHE'S NOT DEFEATED! PHOBOS WANTS HER ALIVE, AT LEAST UNTIL HE'S GOT HIS HANDS ON THE CROWN!
CRAZA

THE CROWN! I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT'S WHERE BOTH OUR PROBLEM AND OUR SOLUTION LIE.
Raaargh!
KRR-R-KRRR-R,RRRADOOM
WITHOUT THE CROWN, PHOBOS CAN'T WIN, BUT OUR HAVING IT DOESN'T HELP US ONE BIT!
Raaargh!
KA-DOOM
AS IT IS NOW, IT'S COMPLETELY USELESS! THE SPELL CAST ON IT WOULD BE DEADLY TO ELYON!
BUT IF THE SPELL WERE BROKEN...
HUH?
I'M SO DUMB! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?
ENOUGH WITH THE FIGHTING, CEDRIC! YOU WANT THE CROWN? TAKE IT!
WAIT, WILL!
Grrrrr... so you're giving up, are you?


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO GIVE HIM THE CROWN, DO YOU?
I'M NOT CRAZY, CORNELIA! TRUST ME!
I JUST HOPE I'VE GOT THE RIGHT IDEA!
The crown, Will! Grrr...
SURE, CEDRIC! COME AND GET IT!
K-WOOM
I'LL BE HAPPY TO GIVE IT TO YOU!
BB-RRRAW!
You underhanded little snake! You're not fighting fair!
DON'T TRY TO TEACH ME MANNERS, PAL! YOU DON'T SET A GOOD EXAMPLE YOURSELF!
SLANK
RAAAARGH!

WHEN THE CROWN COMES INTO CONTACT WITH CEDRIC'S HEAD, IT RELEASES THE EVIL EFFECTS INFUSED BY PHOBOS' CURSE...
YAAAARGH!
I DID IT!!!
RAAARGH!
YEAH... BUT WHAT DID YOU DO?
THAT CROWN ABSORBS POWERS! SO I THOUGHT, IF IT WORKED ON ELYON'S ASTRAL DROP...
NYAHHHH!
WHY SHOULDN'T IT WORK ON CEDRIC, TOO?
OH MY GOSH! LOOK!
OHHH!
BACK TO THE SNAKE HE IS!
GOOD THINKING, WILL! CEDRIC RETURNED TO HIS OLD FORM!


THE SCUMBAG'S OUT COLD!
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET! THE CROWN IS STILL PROTECTED BY THE SPELL...
...AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DESTROY IT!
FOCUS YOUR POWERS LIKE NEVER BEFORE! THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR HAS ALREADY DEFEATED PHOBOS' ENERGIES!
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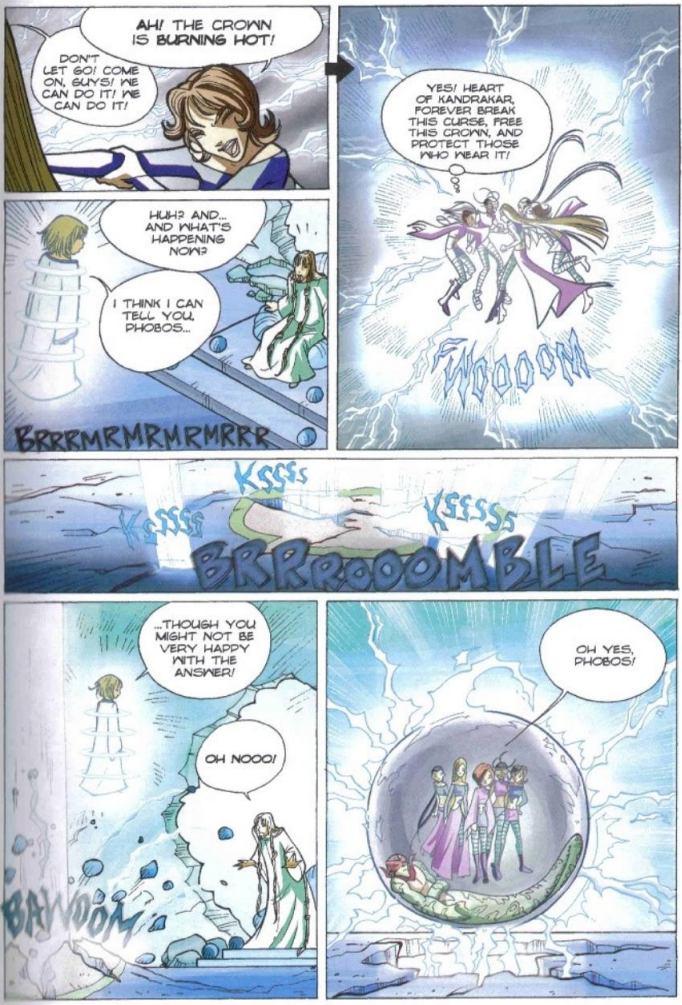
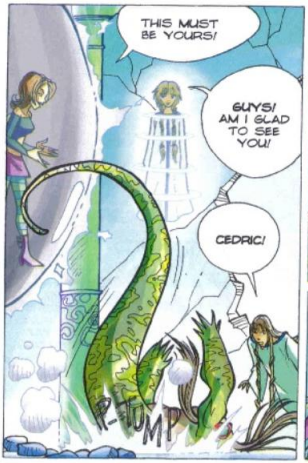
...AND WE'LL LET IT DO THE SAME THING THIS TIME, TOO! NOW!
ONE BY ONE, THE FIVE GIRLS CHANNEL THEIR POWERS INTO THE CROWN!
...AND SLOWLY BUT SURELY, SOMETHING STARTS TO HAPPEN!
MMMMMMMMMMMMM

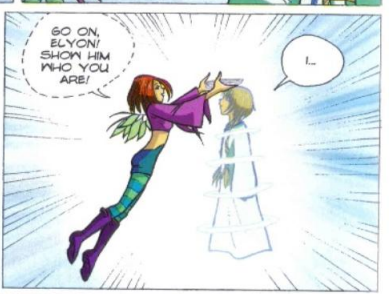

AH! THE CROWN IS BURNING HOT!
DON'T LET GO! COME ON, GUYS! WE CAN DO IT! WE CAN DO IT!
YES! HEART OF KANDRAKAR, FOREVER BREAK THIS CURSE, FREE THIS CROWN, AND PROTECT THOSE WHO WEAR IT!
WOOOOM
HUH? AND... AND WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
I THINK I CAN TELL YOU, PHOBOS...
BRRRMRMRMRMRRR
KSSSS
VSSSSS
VSSSSS
BRRROOOMBLE
...THOUGH YOU MIGHT NOT BE VERY HAPPY WITH THE ANSWER!
OH NOOO!
BAWOOM
OH YES, PHOBOS!


THIS MUST BE YOURS!
GUYS! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
CEDRIC!
P-TOMP

Sire, I...
SILENCE, INCOMPETENT FOOL! YOU WEREN'T CAPABLE OF DESTROYING THE GUARDIANS OF KANDRAKAR!

SO I SHALL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM MYSELF! YOUR TIME HAS COME, WITCHES! ARE YOU READY?!
NO, PHOBOS! WE WON'T FIGHT YOU!

THAT'S UP TO THE NEW QUEEN OF MERIDIAN!


GO ON, ELYON! SHOW HIM WHO YOU ARE!
I..

NO WORDS COULD APTLY DESCRIBE WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
THE CROWN AND ITS LEGITIMATE BEARER UNITED IN A WAVE OF ABSOLUTE POWER..
WHAT PHOBOS HAD ALWAYS FEARED..
WHAT THE PEOPLE OF METAMOOR HAD ALWAYS HOPED FOR..
DARKNESS DISSOLVED AND A NEW DAY BEGAN.
THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN RETURNED TO SHINE ONCE AGAIN.
AND NEVER AGAIN WOULD ANYONE STOP ITS SPLENDOR.

GO AHEAD, LITTLE SISTER! I'M NOT AFRAID! DO WHAT YOU MUST!
FOR ALL OF THE PAIN YOU'VE INFLICTED, THE PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN AND I WANT ONLY ONE THING...
TO FORGET ALL ABOUT YOU!
CAN WE HUG YOU OR WOULD A BOW BE MORE APPROPRIATE?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I'M THE RIGHTFUL HEIR NOW, GLOWING WITH THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!
I HAVE TO MAINTAIN PROPER DECORUM!
UH-OH... MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK DOWN THERE!
THERE SHE IS! IT'S ELYON!
ELYON!
THE PRINCESS HAS WON! PHOBOS IS DEFEATED!
LONG LIVE THE NEW RULER OF MERIDIAN! ELYON!
LOOK AT THE CROWD! WHAT... WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I'M NO EXPERT AT CORONATIONS, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING TO THEM!
ELYON, YOU'RE THEIR QUEEN NOW!

QUEEN?
GO ON!
FRIENDS... PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN...
MY BROTHER'S REIGN HAS ENDED FOREVER, AND I... I WANT TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE GONE THROUGH!
I'VE DECIDED TO SHARE WITH YOU SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO ME, BUT IT IS SOMETHING I DON'T DESERVE! THERE WAS A TIME WHEN A MAGICAL FORCE FLOWED THROUGH THIS LAND...
AND NOW, I SUMMON MY POWERS TO MAKE IT FLOW ONCE AGAIN!
K-WAAAAM
THE GROUND IS HEATING UP!

MAY EVIL DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD! MAY EVERY SPELL CAST BY PHOBOS BE REMOVED! MAY MERIDIAN SPRING BACK TO LIFE!
FWOOOSH
NOTHING RESISTS THE ORDER GIVEN BY ELYON. NOT EVEN A HEDGE OF BLACK ROSES. THE WALLS OF THE FLOWERY CAGE BURST OPEN...
...AND THE TIME HAS COME FOR ITS PRISONERS TO BE SET FREE!
MERIDIAN COMES BACK TO LIFE.
D-DALTAR!
DADDY!
THE FUTURE BEGINS HERE.

AH! ALL THAT POWER, WASTED ON THOSE WORTHLESS FOOLS! YOU'RE JUST A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL!
YES, PHOBOS...

A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL WHO'S FINALLY HAPPY!
A TIBETAN SAYING GOES, "IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR PUNISHMENT, YOU DESERVE ANOTHER ONE!"

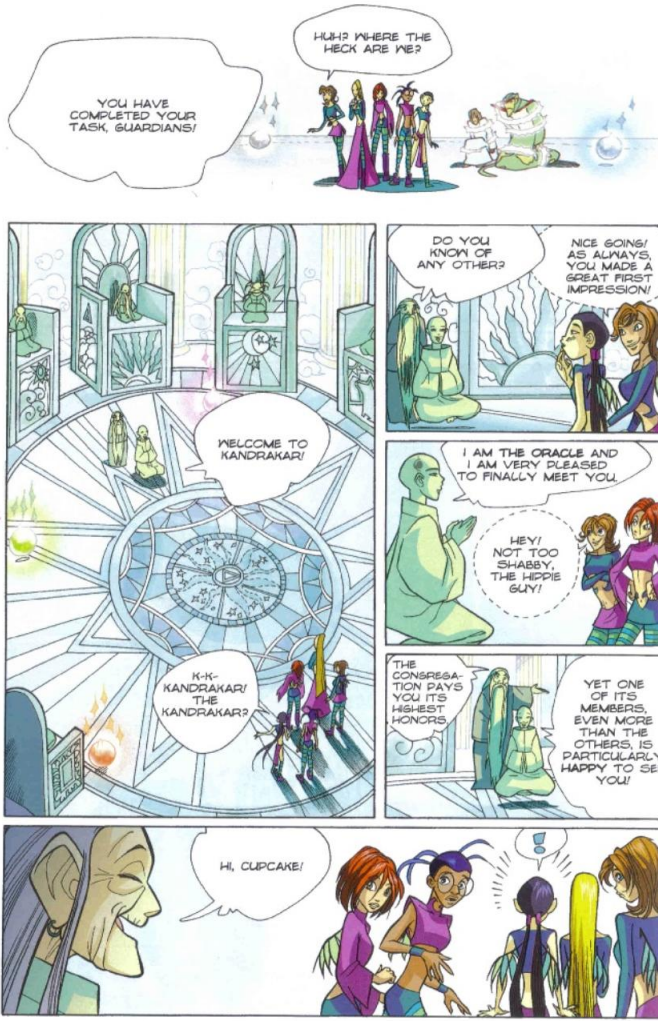
THIS IS FOR YOU, CORNELIA! IT'S FROM VATHEK!
OH, THANK YOU!

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU! WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE!
WE ONLY DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE!

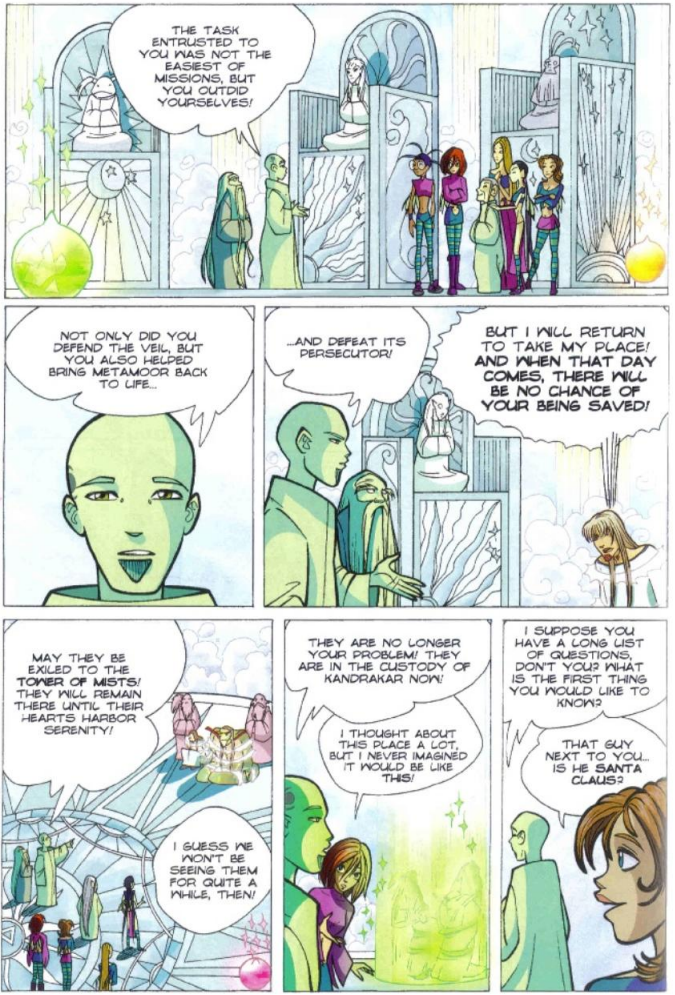
WILL YOU COME BACK TO HEATHERFIELD NOW?
I DON'T THINK SO, CORNELIA! THIS IS MY WORLD NOW! BUT YOU'LL COME TO VISIT ME, WON'T YOU?

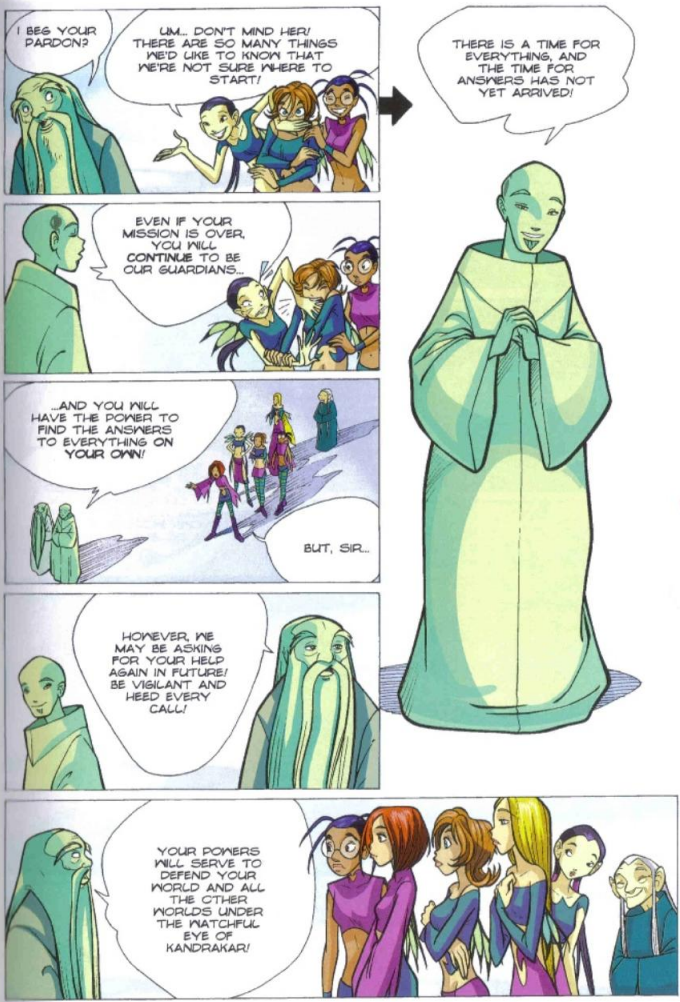
YOU CAN COUNT ON IT! BUT... HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

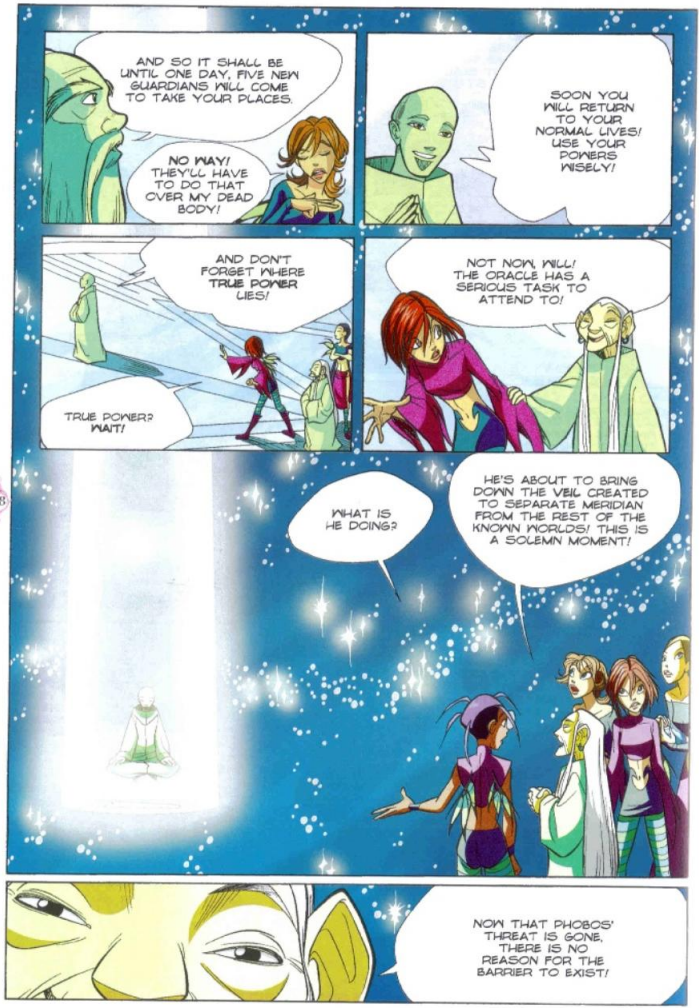
DON'T BLAME ME! I DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING!
EVERYTHING CAN'T JUST DISAPPEAR LIKE THIS! I DIDN'T GET MY HERO'S ACCLAIM YET! I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SIGN A SINGLE AUTOGRAPH!

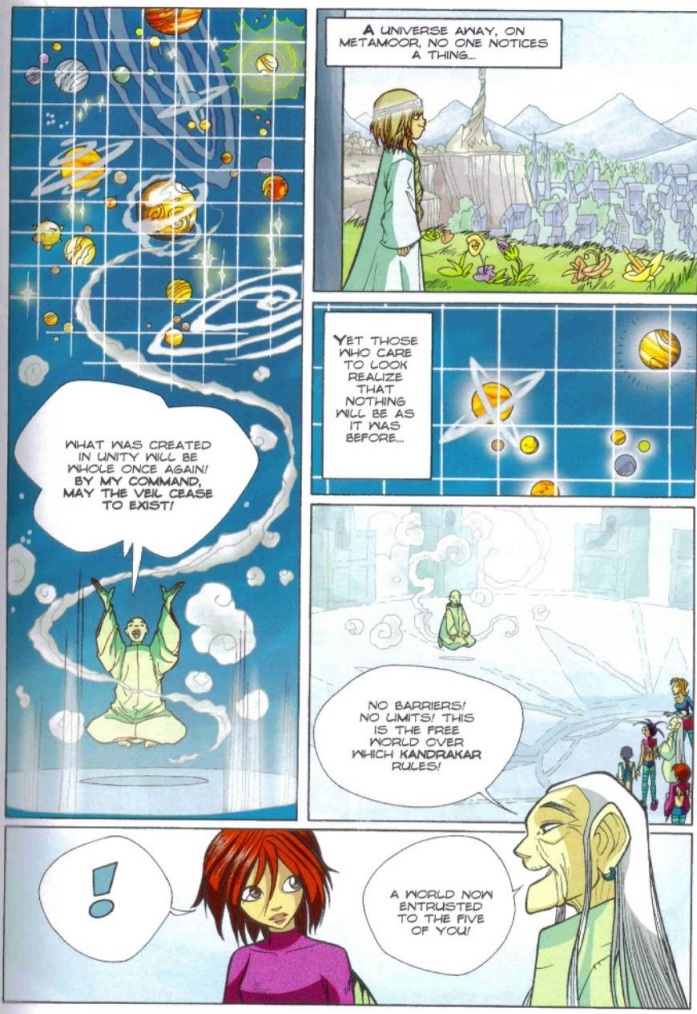

YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR TASK, GUARDIANS!
HUH? WHERE THE HECK ARE WE?
WELCOME TO KANDRAKAR!
K-K-KANDRAKAR! THE KANDRAKAR?
DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER?
NICE GOING! AS ALWAYS, YOU MADE A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION!
I AM THE ORACLE AND I AM VERY PLEASED TO FINALLY MEET YOU.
HEY! NOT TOO SHABBY, THE HIPPIE GUY!
THE CONGREGATION PAYS YOU ITS HIGHEST HONORS.
YET ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, EVEN MORE THAN THE OTHERS, IS PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
HI, CUPCAKE!
!

GRANDMA!
HELLO, HAY LIN!
GRANNY!
DO YOU HAVE A HANDKERCHIEF, BY ANY CHANCE?
I... I'M AFRAID NOT, IRMA!
COME HERE, GIRLS!
SNIFF!
YOU WERE JUST WONDERFUL! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU ALL!
IS OUR MISSION OVER?
YES, WILL. AND WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME!


THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO YOU WAS NOT THE EASIEST OF MISSIONS, BUT YOU OUTDID YOURSELVES!
NOT ONLY DID YOU DEFEND THE VEIL, BUT YOU ALSO HELPED BRING METAMOOR BACK TO LIFE...
...AND DEFEAT ITS PERSECUTOR!
BUT I WILL RETURN TO TAKE MY PLACE! AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE OF YOUR BEING SAVED!
MAY THEY BE EXILED TO THE TOWER OF MISTS! THEY WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL THEIR HEARTS HARBOR SERENITY!
I GUESS WE WON'T BE SEEING THEM FOR QUITE A WHILE, THEN!
THEY ARE NO LONGER YOUR PROBLEM! THEY ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF KANDRAKAR NOW!
I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS PLACE A LOT, BUT I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS!
I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A LONG LIST OF QUESTIONS, DON'T YOU? WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW?
THAT GUY NEXT TO YOU... IS HE SANTA CLAUS?


I BEG YOUR PARDON?
UM... DON'T MIND HER! THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT SURE WHERE TO START!
THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND THE TIME FOR ANSWERS HAS NOT YET ARRIVED!
EVEN IF YOUR MISSION IS OVER, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR GUARDIANS...
...AND YOU WILL HAVE THE POWER TO FIND THE ANSWERS TO EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN!
BUT, SIR...
HOWEVER, WE MAY BE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AGAIN IN FUTURE! BE VIGILANT AND HEED EVERY CALL!
YOUR POWERS WILL SERVE TO DEFEND YOUR WORLD AND ALL THE OTHER WORLDS UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF KANDRAKAR!


AND SO IT SHALL BE UNTIL ONE DAY, FIVE NEW GUARDIANS WILL COME TO TAKE YOUR PLACES.
NO WAY! THEY'LL HAVE TO DO THAT OVER MY DEAD BODY!
SOON YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL LIVES! USE YOUR POWERS WISELY!
AND DON'T FORGET WHERE TRUE POWER LIES!
TRUE POWER? WAIT!
NOT NOW, WILL! THE ORACLE HAS A SERIOUS TASK TO ATTEND TO!
WHAT IS HE DOING?
HE'S ABOUT TO BRING DOWN THE VEIL CREATED TO SEPARATE MERIDIAN FROM THE REST OF THE KNOWN WORLDS! THIS IS A SOLEMN MOMENT!
NOW THAT PHOBOS' THREAT IS GONE, THERE IS NO REASON FOR THE BARRIER TO EXIST!


A UNIVERSE AWAY, ON METAMOOR, NO ONE NOTICES A THING...
YET THOSE WHO CARE TO LOOK REALIZE THAT NOTHING WILL BE AS IT WAS BEFORE...
WHAT WAS CREATED IN UNITY WILL BE WHOLE ONCE AGAIN! BY MY COMMAND, MAY THE VEIL CEASE TO EXIST!
NO BARRIERS! NO LIMITS! THIS IS THE FREE WORLD OVER WHICH KANDRAKAR RULES!
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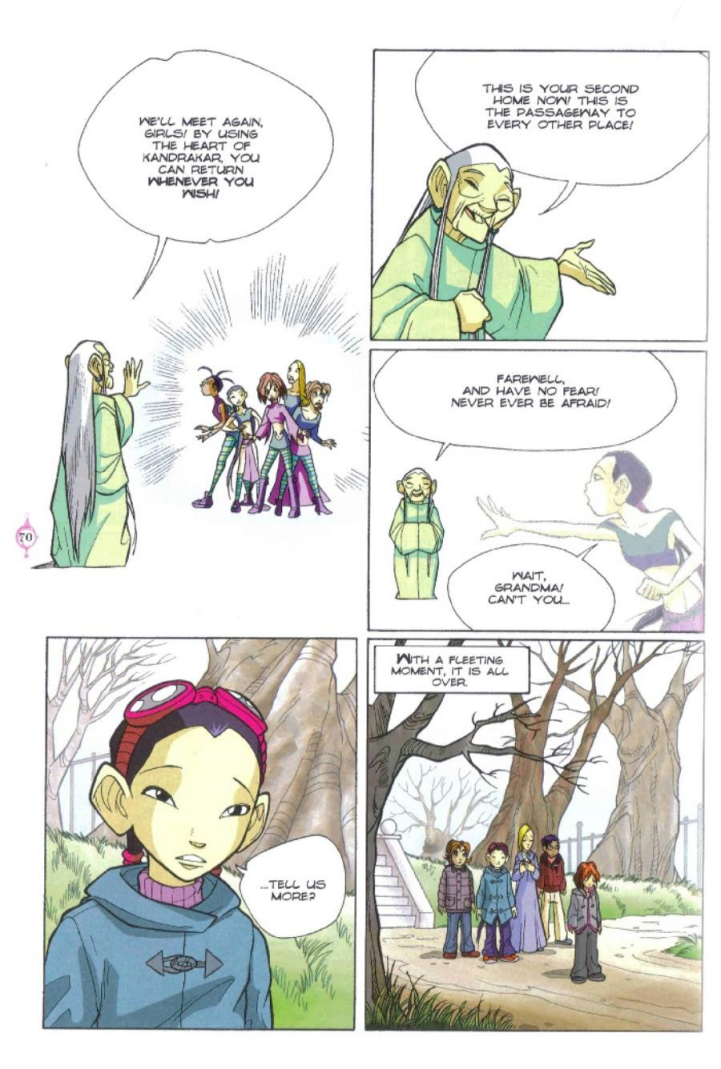
A WORLD NOW ENTRUSTED TO THE FIVE OF YOU!


WE'LL MEET AGAIN, GIRLS! BY USING THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR, YOU CAN RETURN WHENEVER YOU WISH!
THIS IS YOUR SECOND HOME NOW! THIS IS THE PASSAGEWAY TO EVERY OTHER PLACE!
FAREWELL, AND HAVE NO FEAR! NEVER EVER BE AFRAID!
WAIT, GRANDMA! CAN'T YOU...
...TELL US MORE?
WITH A FLEETING MOMENT, IT IS ALL OVER.
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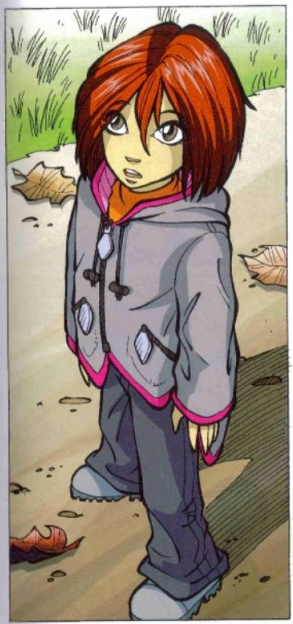

I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT FROM GRANDMA! NOW WE KNOW EVEN LESS THAN WE DID AT THE START OF THIS WHOLE MISSION!
THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR, WILL! START IT UP AND TAKE US ALL BACK!

I THINK MAYBE WE SHOULD WAIT!
WAIT? WAIT FOR WHAT?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE ORACLE? IT'S NOT THE TIME FOR ANSWERS!
YEAH...

...BUT WHEN THAT TIME COMES, WE'LL BE READY!

SO NOW WHAT?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE'S A MATH QUIZ TOMORROW!
OH MY GOSH! THAT'S RIGHT! BUT I HAVEN'T STUDIED YET!
ME NEITHER! LET'S ASK PROFESSOR RUDOLPH TO POSTPONE IT UNTIL MONDAY! AFTER ALL, WE DID SAVE MERIDIAN! SHE OWES US A BIG FAVOR!
HA! HA! HA! I DON'T THINK SHE'LL GO FOR THAT, IRMA!
OH, MAN! SO WHAT DOES A GIRL HAVE TO DO TO AVOID FAILING A QUIZ AT SCHOOL, ANYWAY? SAVE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE?
NOT A BAD IDEA! BUT WITH OUR LUCK, WE'LL END UP DOING IT ON A WEEKEND!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
End of Episode.